

found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

None of the references cited by the Examiner either alone or in combination teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention. Pampers Phases pertains to a marketing process by which different size ranges of diapers were sold to correspond to a babies age which generally correlated with a baby's size. The chassis design for each of the Pampers Phases products sold is virtually the same. Pampers Phases does not teach or suggest an array of disposable absorbent article configurations where each absorbent article configuration includes a chassis designed to correspond to the wearer's stage of development.

In addition, Tampax multipax teaches absorbent pads accommodating different absorbency needs. Tampax multipax does not teach or suggest an array of disposable absorbent articles incorporating chassis designs configured to accommodate a wearer's stage of development.

Further, there is no teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine the teachings of Pampers Phases with the teachings of Tampax multipax. Pampers phases relates to disposable diapers where as Tampax multipax relates to feminine protection articles. Nevertheless, even if such motivation existed, the end result would not teach or suggest the applicants' claimed invention. Consequently, claims 1-8 of the Applicants' invention are patentable over Pampers Phases in view of Tampax multipax.

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8.

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